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7 Families is a charity led campaign to provide a tax-free income for one year to seven people who have lost their income because of a serious or long-term illness or disability and who didn't have income protection insurance.



Today in the UK 2.2m people of working age will be off work for at least 6 months at any one time through sickness and disability.

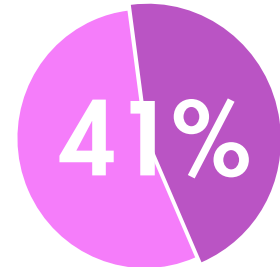


The Pickford Family

Paul Pickford from Bolton was fit and healthy and ran a car dealership until two years ago. In November 2012 at the age of 42 he suffered a brain stem stroke while at work. He is now paralysed and cared for by his wife Vicky.

"I was taken to hospital where, for a variety of reasons, I spent 14 months as an in-patient. I was discharged in January 2014 paralysed from the neck down and unable to speak," Paul explained via his Tobii i-12 eye gaze computer, which speaks whatever he types.

"The money we receive and the access Seven Families gives me to experts who can offer advice on returning to work are godsend. I have not been affected cognitively, so if I cannot return to my previous employer the plan is to start some sort of business, although it would have to be something that can be controlled mainly via computer."



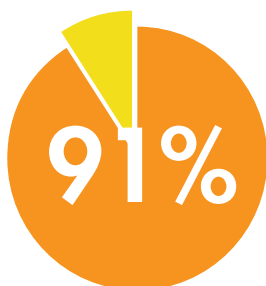
41% of workers with less than a month in savings would receive no employer sick pay if they were ill.



In August 2014 there were 2.51 million people claiming Employment & Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefits.



On average 4 in 5 people with cancer are £570 a month worse off than before.



91% of all individual Income Protection claims were paid by insurers in 2013.



2,078,536 people are covered by Income Protection from their employer.



7 families – The campaign highlights the need to plan financially in case you become too ill to earn an income. The charity Disability Rights UK are working with the seven families where the main breadwinner has been forced out of work by an accident or illness.

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